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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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***Amendment and Reply***

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This Amendment and Reply is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed October 11, 2005. The Amendment and Reply is being filed with a request for a one-month extension of time, thereby making the due date for reply February 13, 2006 (February 11, 2006, being a Saturday). This Amendment and Reply meets the requirements for a "submission" under 37 C.F.R. 1.114(c) and is therefore entitled to full consideration. The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner carefully consider the arguments and the amendment presented in this reply. Should the Examiner deem that the claims are not in condition for allowance, he is respectfully requested to address and rebut each and every argument presented by Applicants.

*Please amend the above-identified application as follows:*

*Amendments to the Claims* are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of the reply.

*Remarks/Arguments* begin on page 6 of this reply.